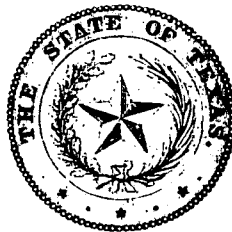


**JOURNAL**  
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**House of Representatives**  
OF THE  
**FIRST CALLED SESSION**  
OF THE  
**THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**  
BEGUN AND HELD AT  
**THE CITY OF AUSTIN, MARCH 15, 1923**



  
VON BOECKMANN-JONES CO.,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS.  
1923

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

# PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker then laid the following proclamation by the Governor before the House, which was read as follows:

Whereas, The Regular Session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, according to resolution heretofore adopted, will adjourn Wednesday, March 14th, without having made appropriation for the operating expenses of the Texas Government and her institutions; and

Whereas, It now seems apparent that revenue measures providing adequate funds for the proper support and maintenance of our public schools and eleemosynary institutions, for the coming two years, will not be enacted into laws; and

Whereas, On yesterday the Texas Senate smothered to death a bill providing that the courts of this country be vested with authority to remove from office an officer against whom it had been proven in open court and before a jury that he had wilfully and corruptly failed and refused to enforce the laws of the country; and

Whereas, The Texas Senate has so far failed to pass on the House bill which has been on its calendar for some days, providing an effective method of punishing outlaws who openly and unfearingly manufacture and sell whiskey in Texas; and

Whereas, There are some real constructive legislative measures that ought to be enacted into laws for the growth and on-going of Texas which have not yet been passed;

Now, therefore, I, Pat M. Neff, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Texas, in Article 4, Section 8, do hereby call the Thirty-eighth Legislature in extraordinary session to convene in the City of Austin, Texas, at ten o'clock, Thursday morning, March 15, A. D. 1923, for the following purposes, to-wit:

1. To provide sufficient funds by every means known to the Constitution and statutes of Texas to properly maintain our public schools, our eleemosynary asylums, our Texas Government, and all her institutions.

2. To make appropriations within

the available revenue for the support and maintenance of our schools, our State eleemosynary institutions, and the Texas Government.

3. To vest the courts of Texas with effective authority to remove from office any officer against whom it can be proven in open court and before a jury, that such officer has wilfully and corruptly failed and refused to enforce, as he took an oath to enforce, the laws of the country.

4. To pass such laws as will make effective the provisions of the Federal Constitution and the provisions of the Texas Constitution which prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages.

5. To consider and act upon such matters of vital constructive importance as may be presented by the Governor pursuant to Section 40, Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially, and caused to be impressed hereon the seal of the State, at the City of Austin, Texas, this the 10th day of March, A. D. 1923.

(Signed) PAT M. NEFF,  
Governor.

By the Governor:

(Signed) S. L. STAPLES,  
Secretary of State.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State this 10th day of March, A. D. 1923.

(Signed) S. L. STAPLES,  
Secretary of State.

United States of America,  
State of Texas.

I, S. L. Staples, Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Proclamation issued by Pat M. Neff, Governor of Texas, calling a Special Session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature to convene in the City of Austin, Texas, at ten o'clock a. m., Thursday, March 15, 1923, as said Proclamation now appears of record in this Department.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially, and caused the Seal of State to be hereon impressed at the City of Austin, Texas, this the 15th day of March, A. D. 1923.

(Seal) S. L. STAPLES,  
Secretary of State.